

REMARKS

By this paper, independent claim 1 has been amended and claims 8, 15, 17-26 and 28-42 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-14, 16 and 27 are pending.

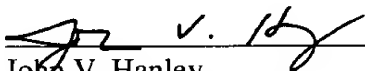
In the outstanding Office action dated December 22, 2003, claims 1-5, 16 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Wisselink (5,984,955). In response thereto, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that each of the apertures open in a generally superior or inferior direction when the main component is unconstrained. As such, it is believed that each of the pending claims recite patentable subject matter. In particular, the Wisselink reference clearly does not teach a system including a main component having apertures opening in a generally superior or inferior direction when the main component is unconstrained. Therefore, it is believed that each of the pending claims are allowable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has attempted to respond to each and every rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims allowed and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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